

WASHINGTON - Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded two grants to the Community Health Center of Fitchburg (CHC).

Grant to Establish a Homeless/Public Housing Health Program (\$650,000)

HHS awarded CHC Family Health Center a \$650,000 grant to establish a Homeless/Public Housing Health Program.

The Homeless/Public Housing Program will provide a primary care medical van which will travel to public housing facilities and homeless shelters.

"Community health centers are one of the most efficient ways to provide quality health care to the poor and underserved," said Congressman Olver.

Robert H. Johnson, President/CEO of CHC Family Health Center, said, "We are very excited to be able to receive this grant and to be able to provide quality health care to the homeless and underserved."

Grant to Expand Medical Services (\$600,000)

HHS awarded CHC Family Health Center a \$600,000 grant to expand medical services at CHC's Fitchburg location.

"There is a great need in the North Central area for good quality, reliable and accessible health care," said Congressman Olver.

"We are very pleased to receive this grant as the demand for medical, dental, mental health and pharmaceutical services is increasing."

CHC Family Health Center of Fitchburg was one of 132 organizations in the country and one of six in the state to receive this grant.

Olver is a member of the Congressional Community Health Center Caucus, which works to increase funding for community health centers.

CHC has been in operation for five years and provides primary health care, dental services, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment.

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